(*a*) (1) the number of toddy arrack shops sanctioned to be opened during the biennial contract commencing from the 1st Chingam, 1098, and the number actually opened and worked during the first year of the contract; and

(2) the quantity of toddy arrack consumed during the year 1098?

(*b*) What is the income that has accrued to the Government on this account?

(*c*) What was the quantity consumed in 1097 and what was the gain on that account?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) 15 toddy arrack shops were sanctioned to be opened during the 1098-99 contract, out of which 10 shops were actually worked during 1098.

(2) 148·22 proof gallons.

(*b*) Rs. 2,814-Chs. 22-Cash 14.

(*c*) The quantity issued to the shops in 1097 was 1,012·5 proof gallons and the duty realised thereon was Rs. 6,439-Chs. 9-Cash 9.

Vaikam Jetty.

218. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by passengers in steam and motor launches in getting into and alighting from boats at the Vaikam landing place;

(*b*) whether any estimate for the construction of a jetty has ever been submitted to the Government, and if so, when; and

(*c*) whether they will consider the question of constructing a jetty at the Vaikam landing place at a moderate cost?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government will enquire.

Markets for Industrial and Agricultural Products.

219. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any enquiries have been received by the Director of Industries or of Agriculture regarding the export of tapioca, spices or other products available in Travancore? If so, what are the articles regarding which enquiries have been made?

(*b*) Have any efforts been made by the Industries or the Agricultural Department towards enlightening the public as to the best and most suitable markets for the export of raw products from the State? If so, what are the means adopted?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The articles regarding which enquiries have been received are tapioca, tapioca flour, lime fruit, timbers and cashew-nut oil.

(*b*) The Department of Industries is in touch with the Imperial Institute and the Director-General of Commercial Intelligence in the matter of finding suitable markets for Travancore raw products. The results of the enquiries which are likely to interest Travancoreans are published in the *Travancore Economic Journal* and also forwarded to those who have made enquiries about them.

Reports on Industrial Products.

220. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): (*a*) Have any reports regarding the industrial products of the State been compiled and published by the Department of Industries?

(*b*) If so, where are these reports available?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Twenty bulletins on industrial products and a report on the industrial survey of the State have been published. The bulletins can be obtained from the Director of Industries. The *Industrial Survey Report* is sold by the Superintendent, Government Press.

Disposal of Timber Stock.

221. MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the increase in forest revenue in 1097 under timber, etc., was not due chiefly to the disposal of stock held over during previous years;

(*b*) whether the balance in stock at the end of 1097 has any bearing on the above;

(*c*) whether the Conservator of Forests has taken any steps to reduce the balance of stock accumulating at the end of each year;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the wholesale disposal of timber at nominal prices is the only way now adopted to get over the difficulty; and

(*e*) whether the Conservator of Forests has suggested any scheme to regulate the yearly output so as to reduce the surplus stock and to meet urgent requirements, both sylvicultural and financial?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The increase in revenue in 1097 was due not only to the larger disposal of the stock held over during the previous years, but also to the larger removal of royalties by consumers and purchasers and the sale of a large quantity of sleepers to the South Indian Railway Company.

(*b*) Not much.

(*c*) Yes.

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